

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 667

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mary Dean Jones.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Dean Jones; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, for fifty-one years, Mrs. Jones was a highly valued and well respected employee of the State of Tennessee; over the course of her long and distinguished tenure, she worked in a number of departments, institutions, and agencies, including the Department of Insurance and Banking, the House of Representatives, the 1965 Constitutional Convention, the Office of Local Government, and the Senate Clerk's Office, where she held the positions of Secretary to the Chief Clerk and Senate Bill Clerk until her retirement in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones served the people of this State with nothing less than the utmost acumen and alacrity, earning the respect of her colleagues and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, born April 6, 1920, the daughter of Morgan W. Brown, Sr., and Minnie Belle Dean, she was raised by her mother and stepfather, John W. Farley, along with six other children; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Gallatin High School in 1938; later, Mrs. Jones attended Garrets Business School in Nashville, earning her associates degree from that institution; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 1944, Mary Dean Jones was united in marriage to Richard Lee Jones, Sr., who remained her faithful companion until his death in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she will be sorely missed by her son and daughter-in-law, Richard Lee Jones, Jr., and Beth Wilee Jones; her grandson, Austin Lee Jones; her sister, Marie Martin; her two brothers, William Farley and James Farley; and many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones was predeceased by her husband, her parents, her brother, Morgan W. Brown, Jr., and her sisters, Virginia Bennett and Peggy Myers; and

WHEREAS, she was an active and devout member of the Jackson Park Church of Christ, which she served faithfully for many years; she lived her last three years at the Jackson Park Christian Home; and

WHEREAS, Mary Dean Jones leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mary Dean Jones, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Jones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.